

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the patent application of Max Abecassis )  
Serial No.: ) Group Art Unit:  
Filed: 01/06/2000 ) Examiner:  
Titled : Variable Content Video Program )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents January 06, 2000  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir: /  
Please amend the above-identified patent application, prior to examination on the merits, as follows:

**In the Title:**

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Please replace the title of the invention with the following:  
-- Receiving A Variable-Video Having A User Interface.--

**In the Claims:**

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Please cancel claims 1-42, without prejudice or disclaimer to their underlying subject matter; and add new claims 43-62 as follows:

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-- 43. (Newly added) An apparatus comprising:  
receiving means for receiving (1) a video program including within a set of parallel segments that provide for at least two versions of a scene of said video program, each parallel segment comprising a sequence of video frames, (2) a user interface, particular to said video program, for a user of said video program to establish a content preference, and (3) data, not created by said user of said video program, directly defining a plurality of segments within said video program;  
storage means for storing said video program, said user interface, and said data;  
processing means for enabling said user of said video program to establish a content preference by utilizing said user interface, and for selecting, for said user,